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## City's 8<sup>th</sup> Traffic Fatality

**Date:** 02-26-2025 **Time:** 10:14 AM

**Location:** 9400 Alameda

**Vehicle #1:** 2007 Chevrolet Equinox

**Driver:** 77-year-old Norma Duarte, Mission Valley, El Paso, Texas, resident  
(**Deceased**)

**Passenger:** 59-year-old Jesus Adrian Duarte, Mission Valley, El Paso, Texas, resident.

**Vehicle #2:** 2017 Subaru WRX

**Driver:** 34-Year-old Joshua Aaron Kassner, Horizon, Texas, resident

**EL PASO, Texas**—On Friday, 02-28-2025, the Medical Examiner's office contacted the Special Traffic Investigations (STI) unit of the El Paso Police Department to advise that Mrs. Duarte had passed away under medical care at a local hospital. STI investigators began an investigation, and preliminary information was obtained that on Wednesday, 02/26/2025, at approximately 10:14 a.m., Duarte was traveling eastbound at the 9400 block of Alameda and attempting to make a left turn into the Walmart parking lot at 9441 Alameda. Duarte failed to yield the right of way to Kassner traveling west on Alameda. As a result, a T-bone collision occurred between both vehicles, ejecting Vehicle #1 passenger. Failure to yield the right of way while making a left turn on behalf of Duarte is a contributing factor in this collision.

This is the 8<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality of 2025 compared to 10 at the same time last year. The Special Traffic Investigations unit continues its investigation.

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